

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0037] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0037] When a user's hand (not shown) grips the tool 1 when in use, the user's hand comes into contact with the gripping portion which includes securing plate 11 and the protrusions 10 beneath which the air filled chambers 16 are located. As a result, vibrations generated by the motor in the tool housing 2 are damped by the air-filled chambers 16 beneath protrusions 10, and the user's grip on the tool is maintained by contact between the user's hand and the high friction material of the flexible sheet 8. It can therefore be seen that by suitable choice of material of the flexible sheet 8, the frictional properties of the sheet 8 can be optimized, while the vibration damping properties of the air-filled chambers 16 are generally superior to the vibration damping properties of known high friction materials used in conventional handle assemblies.